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	<b>Filing Date</b>	Aug. 13, 2001
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Stephen Paul Denis
	<b>Art Unit</b>	1772
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Rhee, Jane J.
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	SPD-001

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In re Application of: Stephen Paul Denis

For: MEANS AND METHODS FOR PROTECTING DEGLET NOOR  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Director of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2003, kindly consider the  
following amendment and remark:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CANCELED)
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The cover of claim 1 wherein said fabric is white, woven, open-mesh polyester having a weight of 86 to 113 grams per square meter (2.5 to 3.3 ounces per square yard).
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The cover of claim 1 wherein said fabric has a cloth count of approximately 13 warps by 10 fills per square centimeter (32 warps by 26 fills per square inch).
4. (CANCELED)
5. (CANCELED)
6. (CANCELED)
7. (AMENDED) A cover for protecting Deglet Noor dates from birds, rain,

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